

**SCW Pickleball Membership Meeting
Wednesday September 22, 2021**

The meeting was called to order by the President, Eileen Freydborg.

There was a quorum with 167 members in attendance.

President – Eileen Freydborg

Eileen reminded us that the General Membership Meetings are the third Wednesday of every month.

Danielle Smith was introduced to the members as a new member of the Board.

A thank you was given to everyone that helped with the food and beverages for the meeting. Eileen asked for volunteers to help with food and beverages for the next three meetings.

A motion was made to approve the May 2021 minutes by Gary Saelens, seconded by Lucy Ward. Motion passed.

Treasurer – Pam Vermeer

Top line report was presented. The Club has \$120,310.39 in the bank with includes \$9,231.32 in checking, \$2,000.82 in credit card savings, and \$109,078.25 in the money market account.

The long term liability on Sands Courts is \$76,854.24.

A motion was made to approve the treasurer's report by Lucy Ward, seconded by Sandra Cook. Motion passed.

Care Bear Program is designed to keep our members up to date about other members whether it be an illness, death, a congratulation for a tournament win, etc. Reach put to Pam Vermeer and she will pass the information onto Pam Smith and Diane Lee. They will send out a note/card.

Membership – Per Barcelo

Peg reported that we have had 30 new members join over the summer. Our membership as of August 31st is 1387.

Renewal notices will be coming out on September 26th. Early renewals will go into a raffle to win \$100.

Eileen recognized all new members in attendance.

UPDATES

Reciprocal Play – Jim Vermeer

Clash of the Cities (Sun City West vs. Sun City) - Play is October 24, November 21, December 18, January 16, February 20 and March 13. Play is from 1–4 with warm-ups from 12-12:45. You can sign up on the website starting October 10th. Six players are need for each skill level for men and women.

Update on 501-C7 - Ken Holtz

We no longer have to raise money for new courts. We need to prove to the recreation centers that we need new courts and the funds will be coming out of the Association. We are still encouraged to have a capital funds for other improvements such as new outdoor furniture, shade, ice machine and other wish list items.

All money raised from the FITS tournament will be given to charity.

The long-term signage will eventually be going away.

FITS 2022 – Sandra Cook & Larry Haas

The tournament takes many volunteers to be a success. Please sign up to help.

Balls on the Courts – Eileen Freydborg

Kathleen Doody and Laura Smith have volunteer to keep balls on the courts.

Vice-President – Greg Steger (Not present)

Eileen introduced Nancy Martin as the volunteer coordinator. There is a new volunteer tab on the website. Please volunteer.

Secretary – Nancy Dobbins

Nancy is overseeing the nomination committee. Jan Dominick and Denise Dunham-Zemberi are on the committee. They will be looking for members who would like to fill the four open positions on the Board. These positions are: Vice President, Treasurer and 2 Officers at Large. Denise was introduced. She informed everyone on how the club went about the election process. Contact either Denise or Jan if you are interested in any one of these positions.

Officer at Large – Danielle Smith

We are celebrating World Pickleball Month and Octoberfest on October 22nd. There will be round robin play and a pickleball rodeo. The sponsor for this event is Toni Froese.

November 12th event is glow in the dark pickleball.

Officer at Large – Clay Shope

Court scheduling – Eileen – A very busy season is expected. One of the challenges that the Board faces is scheduling all program groups within the allotted court hours that are available. The club has 55 weekly program groups. These program groups include 20 club groups (drop in, ladders, open round robin, pickle skills plus, pickle skills, and ratings) and 35 play groups that range from social to competitive play with different criteria to join that group. The Board has allotted am prime time hours to drop in play. This allows more club members to play. Drop in play continues to grow with more players waiting to play. Drop in play will be monitored to see if the time allotted needs to be adjusted.

Meeting open for comments

Deb Palen – The coordinator for the ladies ladder which has been played on Monday mornings since the beginning of the program. The feed back from the ladies playing in the ladder program has not been positive regarding the time change. During the colder months, the ladies ladder has populated courts that would not normally be used.

Bob Sauer – 75 & older group - This groups has about 60 players. The group started at Liberty with enough courts but has been moved to Sands through the years. This only gives them 5 courts. They have more players waiting to play than are actually playing.

Bob has also asked why the club needs to hold three courts available for nonmembers. Eileen needs to verify something before she answer that question.

Kathleen Derrick – Coordinator for the novice round robin and the racketeers
She does not understand why there are so many pm hours for drop in unless you are the men's ladder. The ladder group has been allotted play time during the pm time slot.

Debbie Bantz – Ladies round robin – They have always had 10 courts but now have 8 courts. She proposes that drop in be moved to the afternoon hours.

Tom Doody – Why are bags not allowed on the court? With all of the thefts in the area many are not comfortable leaving their bags so far away from them. This has

been a policy that has been in effect for years except through COVID when the Recreation Center mandated that bags need to stay on the courts with the players.

Elli Chaffee – El's Angels – This group has been moved to Sands with five courts being allotted to them. This is not enough courts as they have regularly filled eight courts during the busy season.

Angela Edmonson – Based on her observation of the courts being used for drop in at this time she is suggesting that the new schedule be put on hold until November or December when the majority of snowbirds return.

Susan Polizzi – women's social play – She does not feel that the program will continue with the afternoon hours given.

A motion to adjourn was made by Gary Saelens, Lucy Ward seconded. Motion passed.

Meeting was adjourned at 6:04pm.